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For: METHOD FOR NETWORK LAYER RESTORATION USING SPARE INTERFACES CONNECTED TO A

RECONFIGURABLE TRANSPORT NETWORK

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 10, 2007 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 10, 2007 please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ATT/2002-0154, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.